



Postcard of the Columbia Female Institute, Columbia, Tennessee, postmarked 1913.

Postcard from the Past: A Message from School

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The front of the postcard is a picture of an ivy-covered school. The school is the Columbia Institute, an Episcopal school for girls established in Columbia, Tennessee in 1835. It was well known for its high standard of education and served girls from across the country.

A school catalog described it as “a school offering the advantages of a well-balanced curriculum and the environment of a Christian home; a school where the best formative influences prevail and where the tone is distinctively and dominantly moral and spiritual.”

On the back of the postcard is an address for Knoxville, Tennessee with a postmark of September 22, 1913. The message is from a young girl living away from home and attending school there. How different things must have been for this girl so young, so long ago. The message reads:

Dearest,

I got your letter this morning and sure did enjoy it. Will answer it real soon. Please be good and next Wednesday send me a package of chocolate cakes. If you send it then, I will get them by Friday. Am very happy up here.

Love to all from the "noise of the family"

Then again, maybe there are some things that never change.